

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please **revise paragraph [0006]** as follows:

[0006] With this configuration, it is possible to prevent the oil pressure flowing from the oil pump to the oil passage extending around the cylinder head from being reduced in mid-flow. Accordingly, the oil can be fed to the screw type lifter without increasing the discharge pressure of the oil pump. This is advantageous, since it avoids the necessity of enlarging the engine due to enlargement of the oil pump.

Please **revise paragraph [0008]** as follows:

[0008] According to the third aspect of the present invention, in addition to the configuration of the second aspect of the present invention, the oil passage includes a pair of annular grooves surrounding the camshafts, a communication groove for connecting the annular grooves to each other, and a pair of communication passages. The annular grooves are provided in the specific cam journal wall and the specific cam holder formed so as to rotatably support the intake side and exhaust side camshafts in common. The communication groove is provided in at least one of joining faces of the specific cam journal wall and the specific cam holder to in the cylinder head. The communication passages are provided in a straight line in the

specific cam journal wall in such a manner as to be in communication with the annular walls, respectively. With this configuration, it is possible to easily form passage portions of the oil passage extending around the cylinder head, which are used for lubricating the intake side and exhaust side camshafts.

Please **revise paragraph [0068]** as follows:

[0068] The oil passage 126 extending around the cylinder head 23 passes through the sliding-contact portions between the intake side camshaft 79 and the exhaust side camshaft 80 and the cam journal wall 82 and the cam holder 84. It is to be noted that the cam journal wall 82 is the specific one of the plurality of cam journal walls 81 and 82 and the cam holder 84 is the specific one of the plurality of cam holders 83 and 84. The above-described annular groove 128 provided in the cam journal wall 82 and the cam holder 84 in such a manner as to surround the exhaust side camshaft 80 is in communication with an annular groove 134 provided in the cam journal wall 82 and the cam holder 84 in such a manner as to surround the intake side camshaft 79 by means of a communication groove 135 provided in at least one of the connection faces of the cam journal wall 82 and the cam holder 84 to in the cylinder head 23 (the connection face of the cam holder

84 in this embodiment). A communication passage 136 in communication with the annular groove 134 is provided in a straight line in the cam journal wall 82 in such a manner as to extend in parallel to the communication passage 127.

Please **revise paragraph [0070]** as follows:

[0070] The oil passage 126 extending around the cylinder head 23 includes a communication passage 137 provided in the cylinder head 23 in such a manner as to be that one end of communication passage 137 is in communication with the communication passage 127_136. The other end of communication passage 137 is in communication with a passage 138 provided in the lifter housing 101 of the screw type lifter 94. The passage 138 is opened in the lifter housing 101. In this way, the downward end of the oil passage 126 extending around the cylinder head 23 is in communication with the screw type lifter 94.

Please **revise paragraph [0090]** as follows:

[0090] The oil passage 126 extending around the cylinder head 23 includes the pair of annular grooves 128 and 134, the communication groove 135, and the pair of communication passages 127 and 136. The pair of annular

grooves 128 and 134 are provided in the cam journal wall 82 and the cam holder 84 formed so as to rotatably support the intake side camshaft 79 and the exhaust side camshaft 80 in common. The annular grooves 128 and 134 are formed to surround the camshafts 79 and 80, respectively. The communication groove 135 is provided in at least one of the connection faces of the cam journal wall 82 and the cam holder 84 to in the cylinder head 23 in such a manner as to connect the annular groove 128 to the annular groove 134. The pair of communication passages 127 and 136 are provided in a straight line in the cam journal wall 82 in such a manner as to be in communication with the annular grooves 128 and 134, respectively. With this configuration, of the oil passage 126 extending around the cylinder head 23, oil passage portions for lubricating the intake side camshaft 79 and the exhaust side camshaft 80 can be easily formed.